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Condensed Information on Sgt. Marshall HOUTS from: WASH-SEC-OP-13  
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1.
  - a. While still at Kyankpyn Major Charles J. TREES and Captain Carrol C. GARRETSON called HOUTS to their tent. (TREES was HOUTS' Commanding Officer and GARRETSON was Executive Officer to TREES.) TREES stated that GARRETSON had discovered fifty-one .45 calibre automatic pistols at Chittagong which were "charged out to no one." TREES and GARRETSON believed they could get a "good amount" of money from the sale of the weapons, but they wanted HOUTS' advice so they wouldn't get caught. (HOUTS had been in the FBI). They offered HOUTS one-third of the profit and, after several days, he agreed.
  - b. On the night of 3-4 July 1945 HOUTS assisted in the clandestine delivery of the pistols to a Lt. Col. Tun Aung, a Burmese officer in the "Burma Rifles" for burial, until a market could be found.
  - c. On 15 July 1945 HOUTS was questioned by the OSS investigator and assisted him in the recovery of the pistols.
2. During the first week that HOUTS was in Rangoon an informer told him that 90 swords had been buried in the compound of A. Habeeb. At GARRETSON's direction and expense HOUTS had the swords cleaned. On 25 May 1945 HOUTS delivered them to TREES' quarters. On 13 July 1945 TREES quarters were searched and 86 swords were found and confiscated by OSS. (Several classified documents were also found in TREES duffel bag.)
3. TREES, GARRETSON and personnel under their command misappropriated property (jewelry and old books) during the first two weeks of the occupation of Rangoon.
4. Six OSS personnel were killed in a plane crash early in June. Three parachutes were recovered from the crashed plane. GARRETSON and HOUTS had pajamas and other articles of clothing tailored from the parachutes.
5. In Spring 1945 TREES and GARRETSON were involved in the illegal sale of opium.

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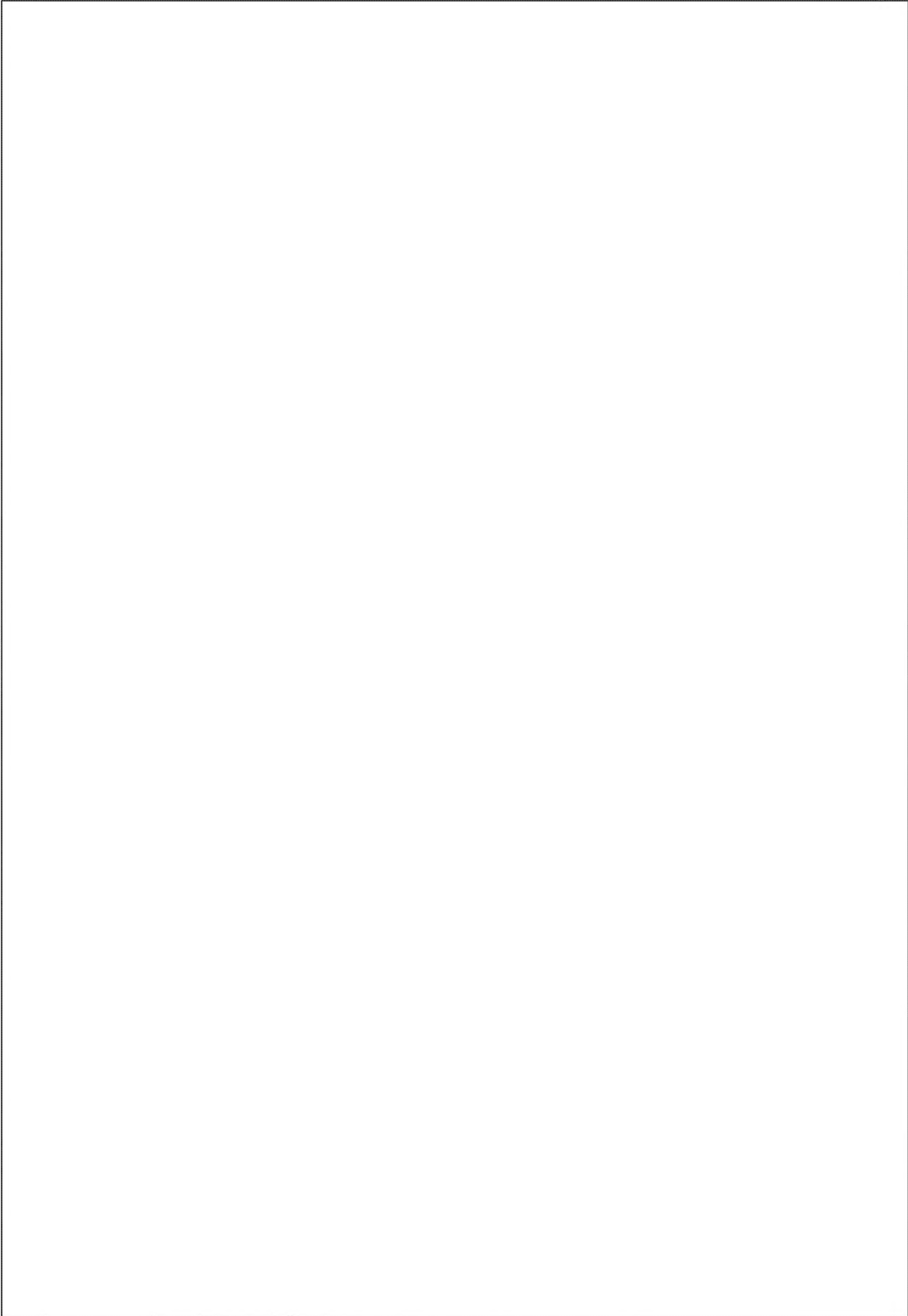
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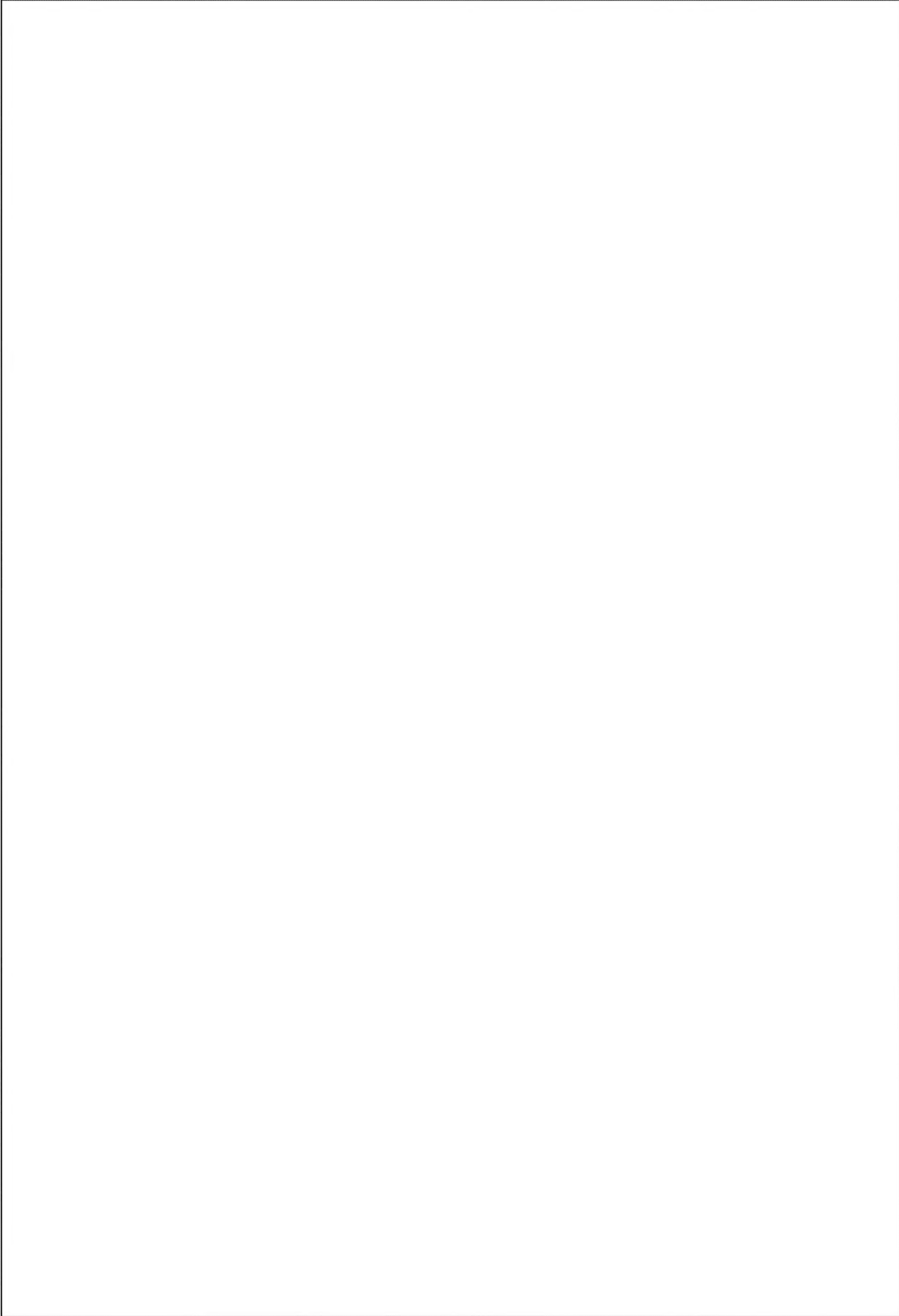
6. In early July 1945 TREES and Houts were involved in an illegal money exchange.

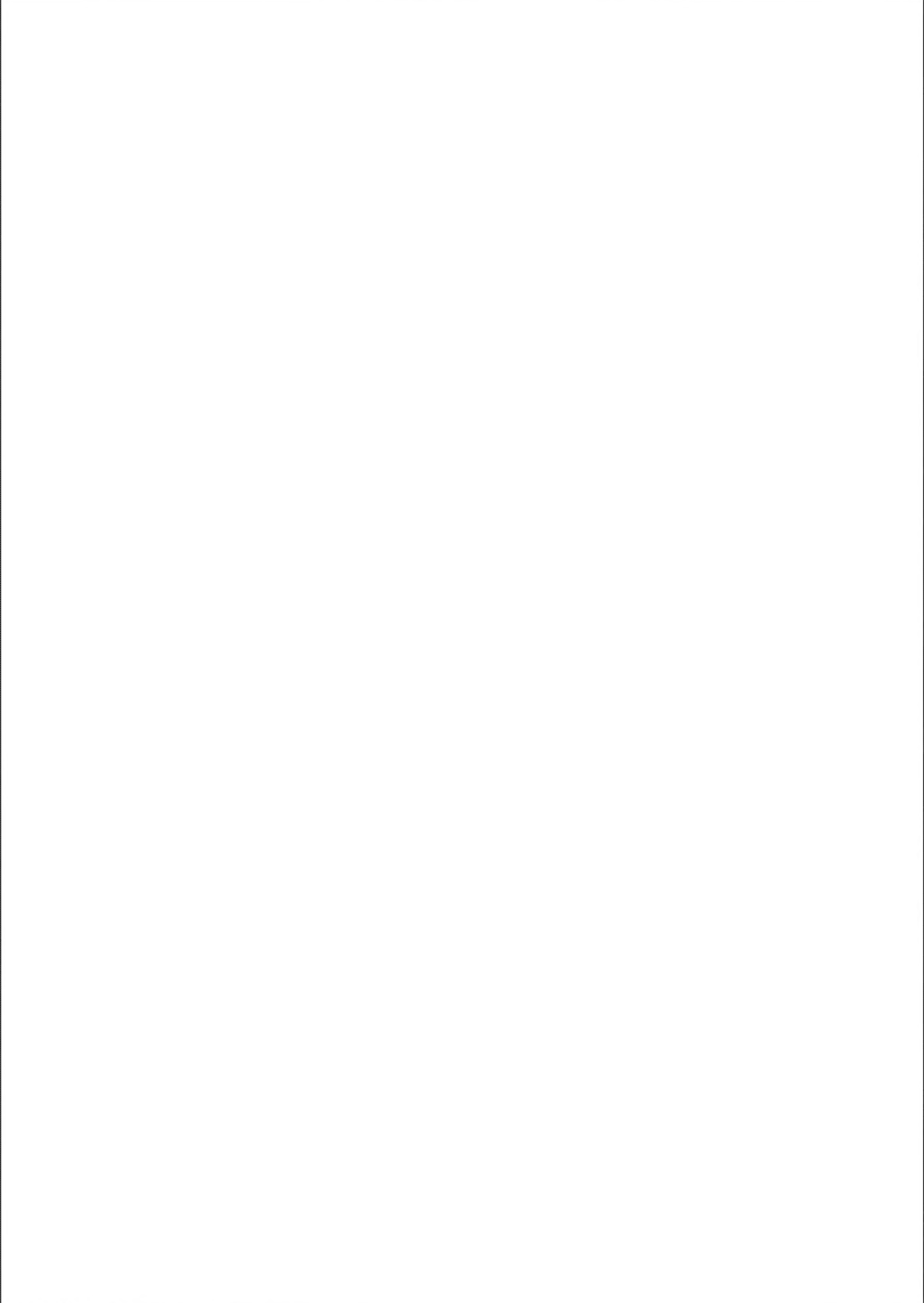
7. Specific charges against HOUTS, as recommended by the investigating officer:

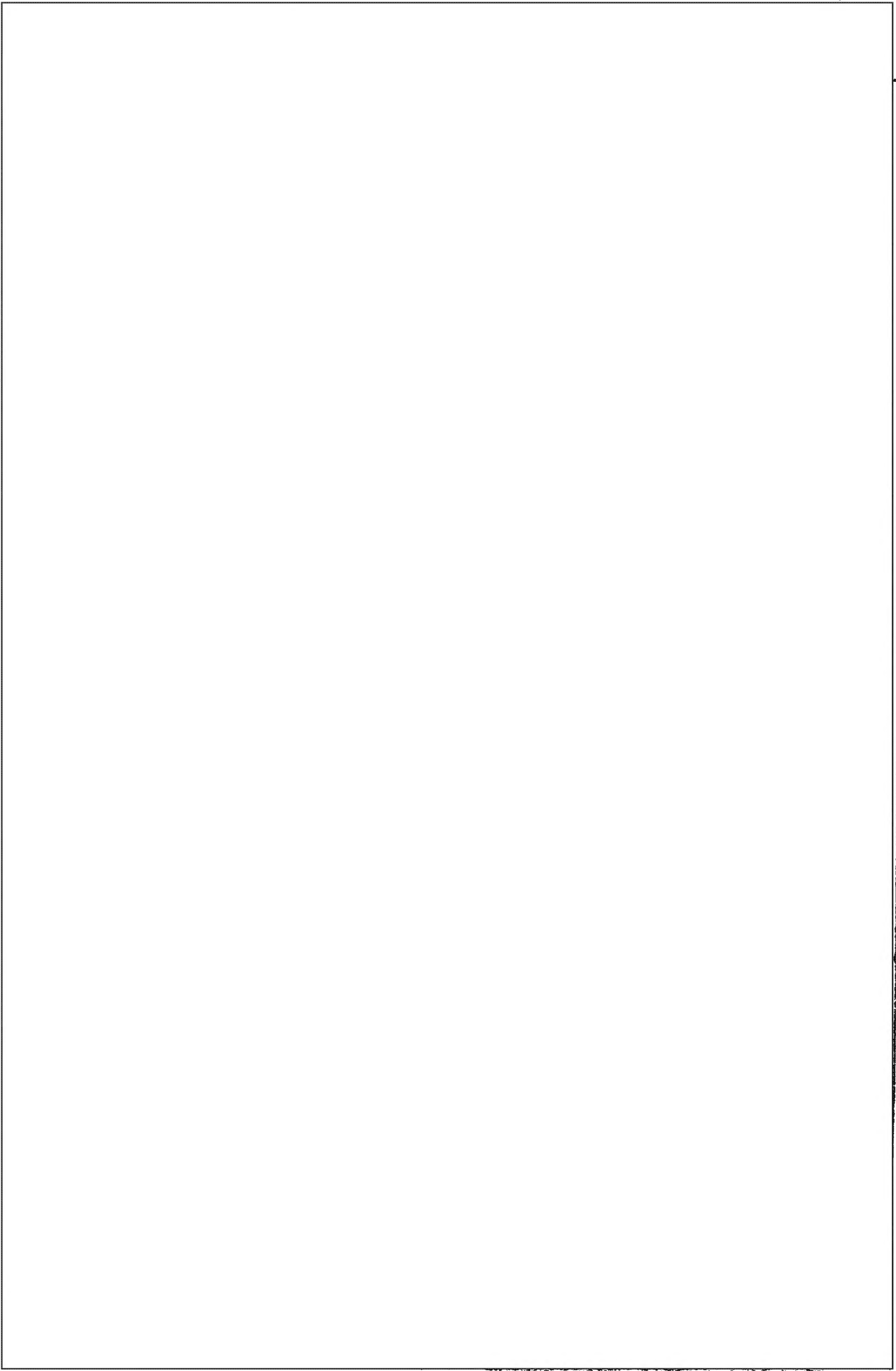
- a. Misapplication of 50 .45 calibre automatic pistols and one Model M-3 submachine gun, property of the U.S.
- b. Conspiracy with TREES and GARRETSON to misapply the above firearms.
- c. Larceny of 86 swords.
- d. Conspiracy with TREES and GARRETSON to feloniously take, steal and carry away 86 swords.
- e. Conspiracy with TREES and GARRETSON to procure and deal in abandoned property found in Rangoon.

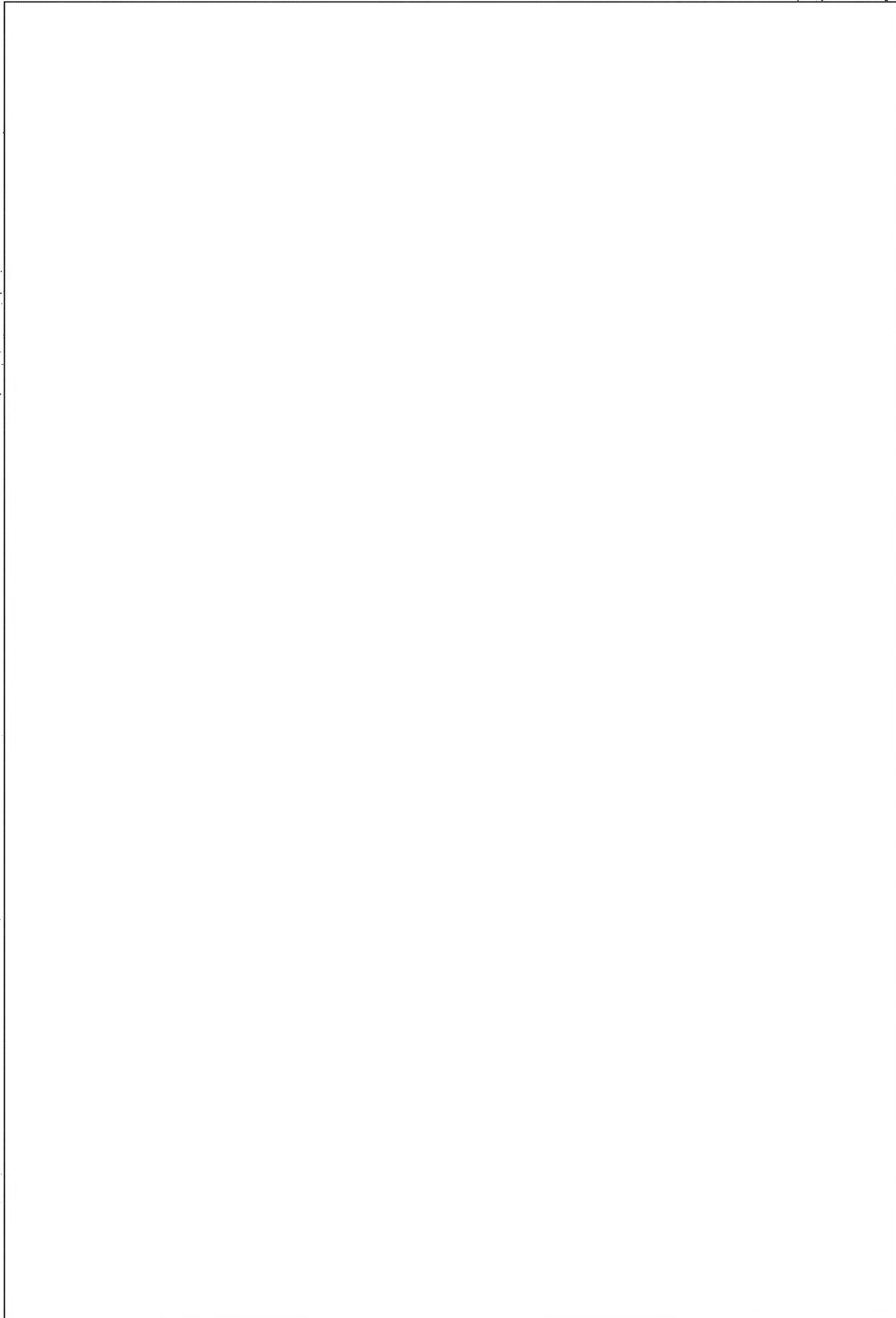
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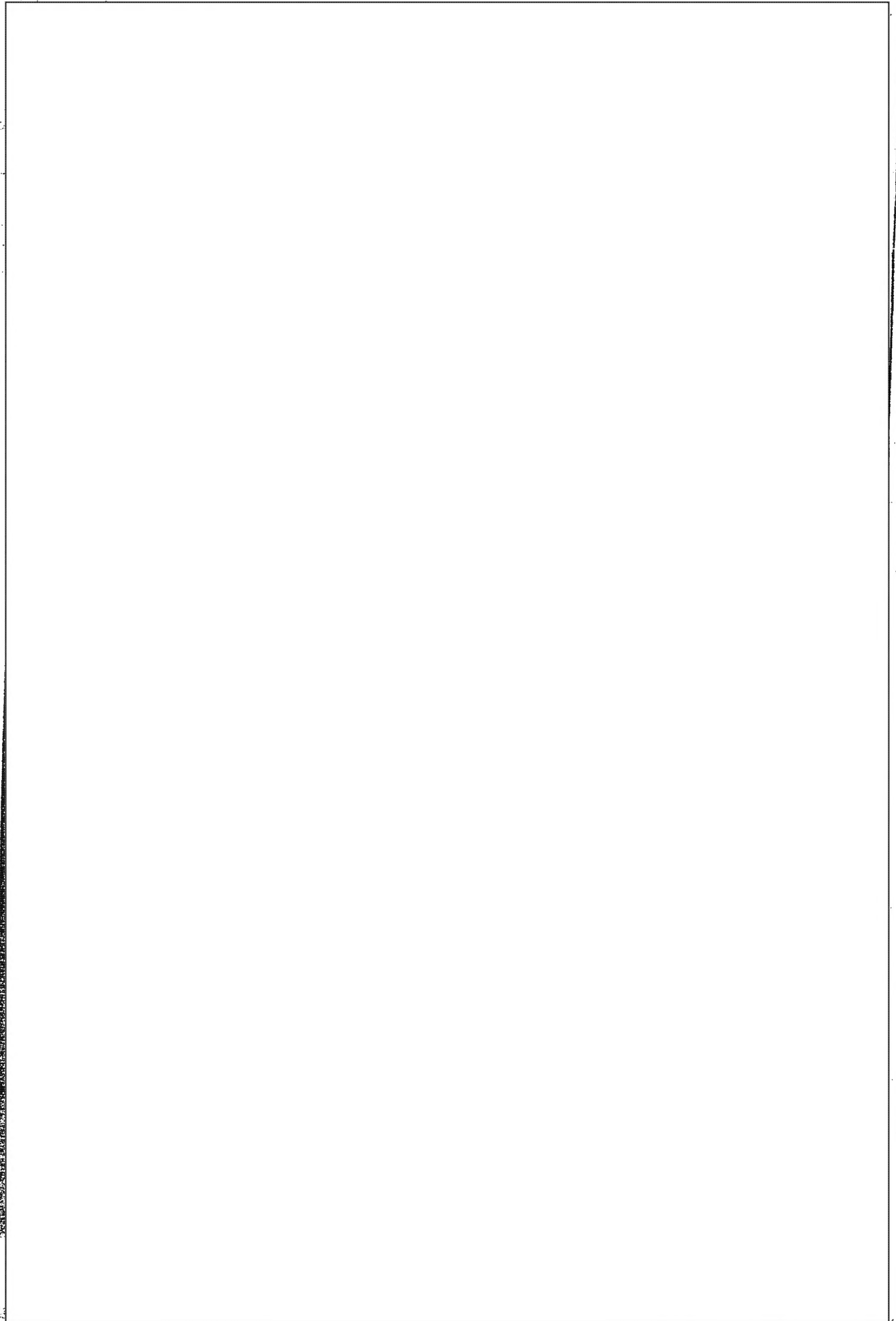




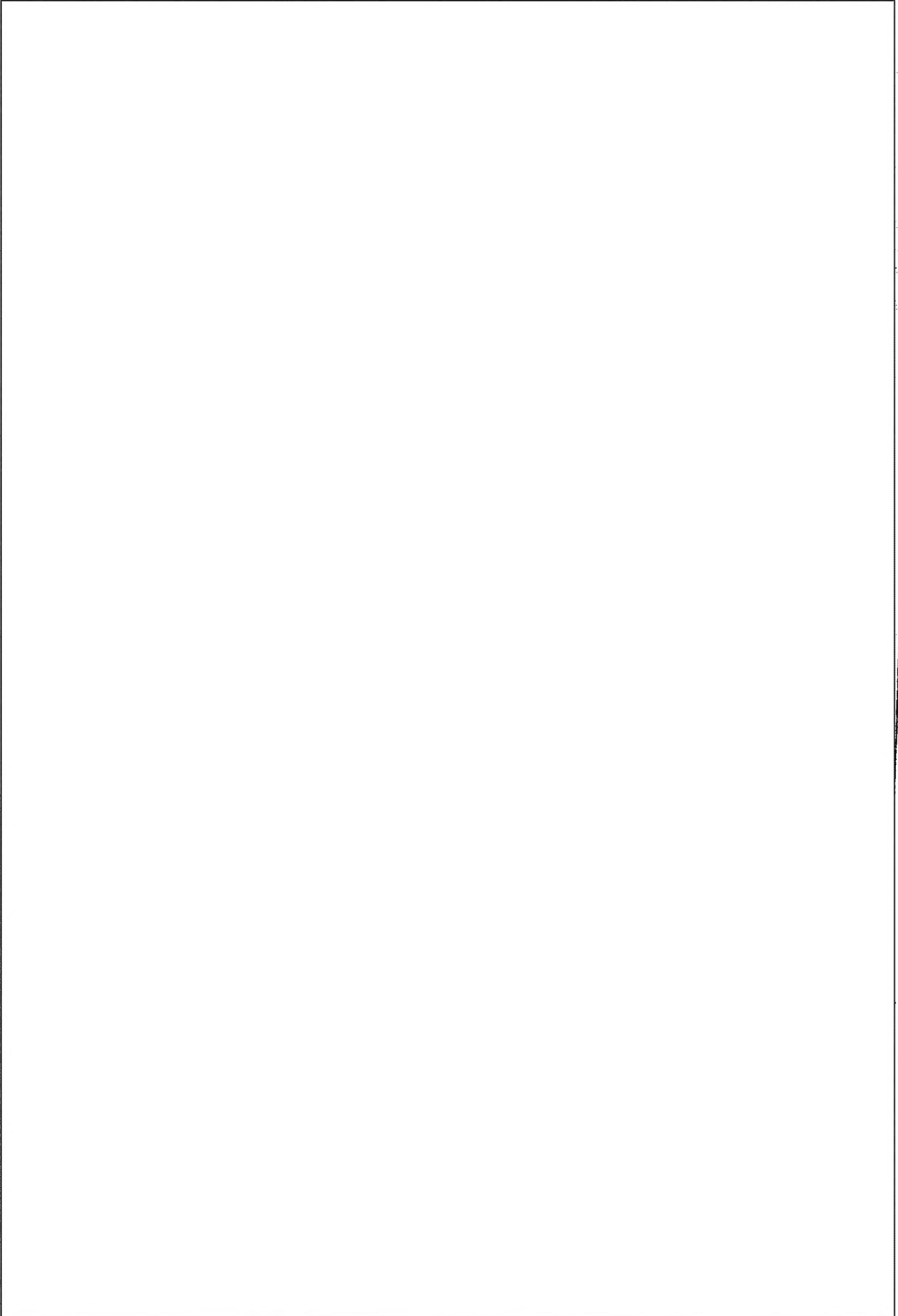












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